

### **I-02.01 Instructions to User**

The information in this manual contains minimum acceptable design values for various roadway features. Some of the information pertains to new and reconstructed highways, while other information covers work on existing highways.

The values given in this chapter are acceptable minimums. Higher values (for features like the clear zone, stopping sight distance, radius, etc.) should be used within reasonable economic limits.

These guides are not meant to be applied rigidly to every situation. There will be situations when special site conditions (such as environmental, aesthetic, or economic considerations) warrant deviation from the values stated in this manual. It may be acceptable to use values below these minimums with the approval of the Design Engineer (or Bridge Engineer for structural designs). In these cases, the reasons and justification for the deviation from the minimum standards should be clearly documented and a design exception processed through appropriate channels. See Section I-06.06 for information on the design exception process.